

### Ted Gaines "disses" EID Pay Raises and Board

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#### **Stop big management raises**

Re "Water board OKs raises for general manager lawyer" (Our Region, Dec. 11): El Dorado Irrigation District water rates are expected to double between 2010 and 2015. Sewer rates are expected to shoot up 70 percent during that same period.

Is this really the time for rate-payers to further subsidize big-dollar management pay packages when management can't get skyrocketing costs under control?

EID's board of directors apparently thinks so, as they recently voted for pay increases for general manager Jim Abercrombie and counsel Tom Cumpston.

In the last several years, pay for state legislators has been cut from \$116,000 to \$90,000. Gov. Jerry Brown went so far as to cut cellphones and swag from the state budget to show that he was sensitive to California's budget problems.

EID's board should heed these examples when the next pay increase is on their agenda.

*– State Sen. Ted Gaines, Rocklin*

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